



JANYCE YOSHIZAWA EXCELLENCE IN CLASSROOM TEACHING AWARD

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Non-members are eligible

OVERVIEW — The *Janyce Yoshizawa Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award* is presented in recognition of outstanding classroom teaching in grades K-6. The award was established in 1998. It is sustained by a restricted fund established in the Pi Lambda Theta Educational Endowment pursuant to a contribution by Sumi Y. Makey to honor the memory of her sister, Janyce Yoshizawa, a classroom teacher.

AWARD — The award consists of a cash payment of one thousand dollars (\$1,000) and a framed certificate.

NOMINEE CRITERIA — To be eligible for consideration a nominee must be a teacher in grades K-6 in a public or private school. A nominee need not be a member of Pi Lambda Theta. A nomination must include evidence that the nominee has demonstrated two or more of the following:

1. exceptional talent in developing innovative educational curricula, programs, and/or teaching methods
2. outstanding ability to instill in students behavior and values to guide them in their daily lives and to relate classroom experiences to the world around them
3. exceptional ability to foster students' creative thinking and motivate them toward excellence and success
4. sensitivity to cultural diversity in the classroom and utilization of such diversity to enrich students' lives
5. commitment to continuing professional development and strong potential for long-term contribution to education

NOMINATION REQUIREMENTS — A nomination must be made by a member in good standing or by a non-member with the endorsement of a member in good standing. Self-nomination/endorsement is not permitted. The nomination must include:

1. a Pi Lambda Theta universal application/nomination cover sheet
2. statement from the nominator indicating which of the enumerated criteria serve as the basis of the nomination, and supporting the nomination in terms of those criteria [It is not necessary to comment on all criteria.]
3. a résumé
4. letter of support from the principal of the nominee's school (if the principal is not the nominator)
5. letter of support from a fellow teacher
6. letter of support from the parent of a student taught by the nominee
7. letter of support from a former student of the nominee

To the extent possible, letters of support should specifically address the nomination criteria. No additional copies of the above material are required for a complete nomination; however, Pi Lambda Theta reserves the right to require up to 10 copies of material that is not readily reproducible.

SELECTION — The recipient is selected by the awards committee. The committee may, at its discretion, decide not to make the award.

SUBMISSION — The complete nomination must be *received* in the Pi Lambda Theta international office by the deadline below. Send nominations to:

- (by Email): pamtodd@pilambda.org
- (by U.S. mail): PO Box 6626, Bloomington, IN 47407-6626
- (by UPS/FedEx): 4101 E Third St, Bloomington, IN 47401-5599

DEADLINE — Nominations must be received by **February 10**.

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**Janyce Yoshizawa Excellence in Classroom Teaching Award
Past Recipients**

2009	Karen Taylor, Non-member
2008	Amy S. Cozart, Member At Large
2005	Kathleen Mucha, Non-member
2004	Karen Tarsi, Non-member
2003	Cherith Mundy, Member At Large
2001	Paula Fischer, Non-member
2000	Deborah West, Georgia Area